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SUBJ: U.S. VISIT OF MINISTER PRESIDENT OSSWALD

1. HESSE MINISTER PRESIDENT ALBERT OSSWALD (SPD), ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. OSSWALD, WILL VISIT THE U.S. IN MID-SEPTEMBER. OSSWALD PLANS TO LEAVE HERE EITHER SEPTEMBER 10 OR EARLY SEPTEMBER 11. HE MUST RETURN TO GERMANY SEPT 21.

2. ONLY FIXED DATE ON HIS U.S. SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME IS PARTICIPATION IN THE STEUBEN PARADE IN NEW YORK CITY ON SEPT 18. HIS OFFICE IS ALSO IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE OFFICES OF GOVERNORS LUCEY (WISCONSIN) AND BYRNE (NEW JERSEY) TO ARRANGE FOR VISITS TO MADISON AND TRENTON RESPECTIVELY BUT DATES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

3. OSSWALD ALSO WANTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C. HE HAS LET US KNOW THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL BRIEFLY ON PRESIDENT FORD AT THE WHITE HOUSE. (FYI COMMENT: FROM OUR LOCAL VIEWPOINT IT WOULD OF COURSE BE EXCELLENT IF THE PRESIDENT COULD RECEIVE OSSWALD EVEN BRIEFLY. HE IS A GOOD FRIEND AND VERY HELPFUL IN THIS AREA WITH ITS LARGE AMERICAN MILITARY POPULATION. HOWEVER, OSSWALD IS CLEARLY AT THE END OF HIS POLITICAL CAREER AND THERE WILL BE OTHER DEMANDS ON THE PRESIDENT'S TIME IN MID-SEPTEMBER. WE ARE SURE HE WILL

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UNDERSTAND IF WE EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

IS SIMPLY TOO CROWDED AT THAT TIME).

4. WE RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER RECEIVE OSSWALD, WHO GREETED HIM ON VP'S ARRIVAL IN FRANKFURT ON MAY 14. MOREOVER, SINCE OSSWALD IS CURRENTLY ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESRAT IT WOULD BE VERY APPROPRIATE FOR THE VP TO RECEIVE HIM IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. WE RECOMMEND A ONE-DAY-PLUS ONE OVERNIGHT SCHEDULE TO ALSO INCLUDE:

A. VISIT OF CAPITAL HILL, PERHAPS TO SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE,

B. MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, C. POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON, D. BRIEFING IN EUR, AND

E. EVENING FUNCTION BY EITHER U.S. OFFICIAL OR FRG EMBASSY.

TENTATIVELY, RPT TENTATIVELY, SUGGEST MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, INCLUDING RON FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. (END OF SAME WEEK MIGHT BE AN ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT FOR SEPT 18.)

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST EARLY ADVICE ON PREFERRED DATE FOR WASHINGTON VISIT AND TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF SCHEDULE. DETAILS CAN BE FILLED IN LATTER. LEHMANN

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